

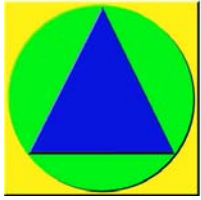
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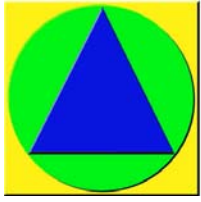
Do we need a paradigm shift?

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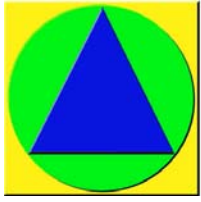
Regulation, Review or Scrutiny?

- **Review – the judgement of peers?**
- **Scrutiny – the judgement of overseers?**
- **Regulation – costs as well as benefits?**



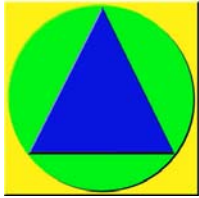
Not against ethical conduct in research

- **Against the illegitimate generalization of a model of governance based on the particular history, risks and challenges that confront biomedical researchers**
- **A system based on the professional autonomy of researchers is not appropriate for the biomedical sciences.**
- **But a system based on an elaborate pre-emptive regulatory bureaucracy is equally inappropriate for the social sciences and humanities.**



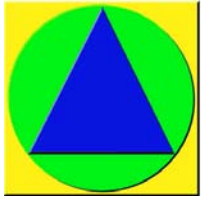
Social Science and Abuse?

- **No research technique that carries an inherent risk of death or serious and irreversible damage to participants**
- **No power to impose ourselves on people – we are guests in people's lives**



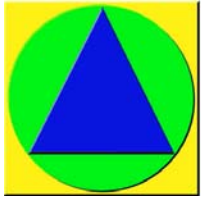
Confused Goals

- **Protection of subjects?**
 - Does regulation protect?
 - Inter-war Germany
 - Stanford Prison Experiment
- **Protection of institutions?**
 - Extension of management control
- **Protection of researchers?**
 - “elf n’safety, guv”



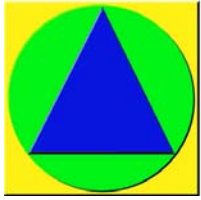
Costs

- **Compromise of professional judgement and responsibility?**
 - **Ethical Deskillling**
- **Compromise of free inquiry?**
 - **Systematic Ignorance**
 - **Sex work by students**
 - **Adult survivors of child abuse**



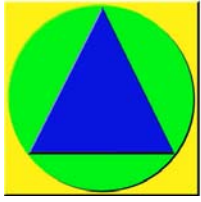
Who benefits?

- **State**
 - **A micro-managed society?**
 - **Socially controlled knowledge**
 - **DNA database - evidence for sample destruction schedule**
- **Foundations**
 - **Desertion of historic role as check on state power?**
 - **Part of the co-option of the 3rd sector?**



A new paradigm?

- **Separation of functions**
 - **Ethics – a peer issue**
 - **Registration of institutional portfolio**
 - **Line management/supervisor duty of care**
- **Presumption of competence in human subjects**
- **Review only where researchers will be in position of power and will manipulate subjects**
 - **Comparable to biomedical model**



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